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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56,
1.96-1.97 and MPEP § 609, applicants, through their attorneys,
hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the references
listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references
are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Five of the references listed are in Japanese. Of
these, four references were cited in the International Search
Report during the international phase of this U.S. national
application. To satisfy the requirement for a concise
explanation of relevance, an English language version of the
Search Report is enclosed. The other Japanese reference,
Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Appln. No. 107411/92 is
mentioned in the specification at page 3. In addition, it is

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noted that Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application No. 1-308527 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,930,851 (now cited) and Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Applns. 026462/89 and 273419/89 correspond to U.S. Patent No. 4,988,158 (now cited). Further, U.S. Patent No. 4,930,851 is mentioned in the specification at page 1.

When Japanese patent numbers have prefixes, the prefix typically indicates the year according to the Japanese calendar. Alternatively, the numbers have suffixes which indicate the year according to the Roman calendar. The apparent inconsistency in patent numbers is due to the use of two different calendars.

The foregoing is believed to fully satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of the references listed.

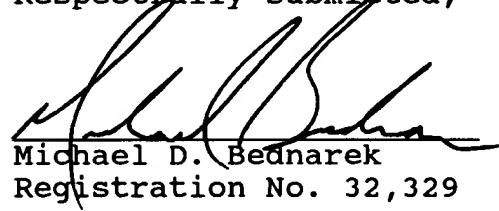
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prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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